

REGULAR OPEN MEETING GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD

Posted February 24, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

REVISED AGENDA

USDA Service Center – 314 S. Olive Street

Monday, March 1, 2010, 7 p.m.

1. Open Meeting – Chairman
2. Review Minutes of the February Board Meeting – Secretary
3. Financial Report for February – Treasurer
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Review Time Sheets
4. Unfinished Business
 - ❖ Culp Fencing
 - ❖ Commission Presentation
5. Cost-Share – Fund Status
 - ☐ Emergency Approval
 - ☐ Early Fund Request
 - ☐ Landowner Maximums
 - ☐ Review Pest & Nutrient Management Acres
 - ☐ Approve Conservation Plans, Cost-share Contracts, Change Orders, and Payments

Name	Cons Plan	Cost-Share Practice	Contract, Change Order or Payment	Obligation/ Claimed	Application Number
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Richard/Becky Kemna ₁		DSP-3.3	Change Order	\$2,172.00	062-10-0042
Richard/Becky Kemna ₁		DFR-5	Change Order	\$2,003.62	062-10-0043
Wm/Richard Buddemeyer	C/S	N595	Contract (Pest)	\$375.00	062-10-0045
Mike/Sandra Stockton		DSL-11	Change Order	\$493.25	062-10-0010
James/Carol Meyer			Termination	\$4,299.30	062-10-0023
James/Carol Meyer			Termination	\$479.06	062-10-0022

₁Approved by Dennis Berger, 02/05/10

6. New Business
 - ☐ Annual Plan of Action
 - Farm & Conservation Fair
 - ☐ Envirothon request, March 24th
7. DNR Memorandums and Letters
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-024, Management of the Advance Cost-Share Allocation
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-025, Computer Usage
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-026, Corrections to Fiscal Year FY 2011 Cost-Share Allocations
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-027, Public Comment Period for Proposed Rulemaking
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-028, Qualifying Criteria Questions
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-029, MoSWIMS Enhancements
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-030, Fiscal Year 2010 Funding Rescissions
 - ❖ Memorandum 2010-031, Procedures for Implementing the Rescission
 - ❖ Letter, February 24, 2010 – Receipt of Commission packet and Commission Meeting Agenda
8. NRCS Reports, District Reports
9. Mail
 - ☐ MASWCD e-notes
 - ☐ NACD e-notes
10. Calendar of Events
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Minutes of the
Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting – USDA Service Center, 314 S. Olive, Owensville
February 1, 2010

Chairman, Ron Hardecke, called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Ron Hardecke, Chairman; Curtis Koelling, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Berger, Member; Andy Read, Secretary; Melinda Barch, District Conservationist; Kyle Lairmore, MDC Private Lands Conservationist; Terry DuBois, District Technician II, and Diana Mayfield, District Specialist II. Gene Rademacher, Treasurer, was absent.

Special guests were Chrsi Armbruster, DNR District Coordinator; Rob Pulliam and Scott Williams, MDC Fisheries Biologists.

Rob Pulliam met with the Board to explain that due to a series of cut backs within the department, he would no longer be serving the landowners of Gasconade County. He advised that the Sullivan office would be closing and would only serve as a work station. He then introduced Scott Williams who will be serving Gasconade County as well as Moniteau, Cole, Cooper, Osage and Maries. Rob will be serving out of the Shaw Nature Reserve. Kyle Lairmore was asked about his position by Ron Hardecke, and he indicated that he will be transferring to this office to cover Gasconade and Maries Counties. He said that it was a proven fact that if a PLC was located in the county office there was increased landowner contacts. Diana Mayfield indicated that Scott Williams is already slated to do a presentation at the Farm and Conservation Fair.

Motion was made by Dennis Berger and seconded by Curtis Koelling to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters based on the Sunshine Law article §610.021(3). Roll call vote was taken. Ron Hardecke, yes; Curtis Koelling, yes; Dennis Berger, yes; and Andy Read, yes. The Board returned to open session at 7:45. Dennis Berger made the motion to raise Terry DuBois' salary to \$13.35 effective January 1st to cover the Technician II position, as he had passed the examination. Curtis Koelling seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

The minutes of the January meeting were read. Dennis Berger made the motion to approve the minutes. Andy Read seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The January treasurer's report and time sheets were reviewed. Beginning balance of \$12,067.29 and ending balance of \$32,864.13. Curtis Koelling made the motion to approve the time sheets and treasurer's reports as presented. Andy Read seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Unfinished Business

- ❖ Diana Mayfield presented the e-mail that she received from Farm Bureau in regards to the drill insurance. She indicated that when she reviewed the

current policy to try and answer the Board's questions, she discovered that the policy indicated that the equipment would not be covered if it were rented. She contacted the agent and he provided the email from his company as verification that the equipment is covered whether here at the office or while being rented. The consensus was that the email was not official documentation and would not stand up in a court of law. Ron Hardecke will speak with the agent and try to come up with something more substantial. Diana Mayfield suggested that the agent be asked to come before the board to answer any questions that they might have. Ron Hardecke will decide if that is necessary once he speaks with him.

- ❖ Ron Hardecke presented the Board with the broken pieces from the drill. He indicated that the parts were clearly broken before the latest incident with the frozen ground plantation. The landowner is asking that the board pay for the parts. Ron felt that he should abstain from any decision making due to the fact that the landowner is his landlord. Dennis Berger indicated that he did not expect anyone to pay for parts that were already broken. However, he did indicate that he stood by the board policy of not allowing the drill to be used on frozen ground. Again the reasoning for the required no-tilling on frozen ground was questioned. The letter from FSA did not indicate that the seeding should be no-tilled on frozen ground. It did specify a dormant seeding. Both Melinda Barch and Kyle Lairmore indicated that if he did a dormant seeding his seed rate would be increased. Kyle Lairmore indicated that he just had a landowner who did a no-till seeding, which barely touched the ground. The no-till is more accurate in dispersing than the ATV type spreader. Dennis Berger made the motion to reimburse the landowner for the parts for a total of \$259.48. Andy Read seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with Ron Hardecke abstaining.

New Business

- ❖ Staff reviewed the cost-share applications with the board. Diana Mayfield indicated that one landowner had completed his practice, however, he was refusing to claim the money as, "there were others needier than he, so he wished to do it on his own." The landowner did indicate that his decision had nothing to do with the way staff had preformed their duties. Curtis Koelling made a motion to accept the cost-share (listed separately) as presented. Andy Read seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- ❖ The Board reviewed the letter from the County Commission in which their allocation had been revised from \$2500 to \$2250 for the fiscal year 2011. Realizing the financial difficulties of the County, this contribution was very much appreciated. Dennis Berger moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to

the County Commission. Andy Read seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- ❖ Melinda Barch reviewed the memorandum of understanding with the Board and indicated that as cooperating partners the Board was obligated to follow the federal rules governing the protection of civil rights and equal employment opportunities. The Board members were provided a copy of the Civil Rights Policy and the Anti-Harassment Policy Statement. Melinda Barch reviewed both of these policies with the board. She also reviewed the complaint process.
- ❖ Diana Mayfield asked the Board to give direction on the duties of the Technician II position. She asked if the technician was to prepare the conservation plan from Toolkit or CMT. Chrisi Armbruster indicated that she didn't believe that the Technician's were required to produce the plans through the CMT. Melinda Barch indicated that only NRCS certified planners were allowed to sign off on the Toolkit Cons-plans. Terry DuBois felt that it would be a good system of checks and balances if NRCS would sign-off on the Toolkit Cons-plan, while he signed off on the Cost-share applications. It is the board's desire that the Cons-plans come from Toolkit unless otherwise directed by DNR. Diana Mayfield also reminded Terry DuBois that due to his promotion, he was now on straight time in regards to compensatory time.
- ❖ Diana Mayfield presented the packet that was prepared in response to the memorandum 2010-021. She first apologized to the Board for giving them direction to be honest and conservative in their planning of the needs assessment. She felt that because of this, the district has suffered a great reduction in cost-share allocation. At the beginning of FY10 the board was asked to present its needs assessment for FY11. The board did not ask for any more money for FY11, they just asked to move the money around to the different resource concerns. She directed the board to the worksheet that she had prepared showing them the process in which DNR had come to their FY11 allocation. At present, our allocation is 58% of what we had requested and the two most popular practices in our county were drastically cut to the point that only one or two customers would be able to receive assistance in those concerns. Diana Mayfield had also figured out what percentage each county had received in regards to their FY10 allocation. This worksheet is attached for better clarification. Curtis Koelling and Dennis Berger indicated that the proposed packet was very well presented and very professional. Chrisi Armbruster indicated that unless the board requests to present this to the commission in person, it will only be placed in the commission packet and may not be addressed at the meeting. Diana Mayfield therefore revised the letter to include a request to address the issue at the March 10th Board Meeting. Chrisi Armbruster also added that the Commission has locked the funds into the resource concerns in order to force the districts to budget their allocations and to be more accountable for the

funds which they receive. The Board indicated that that is what they thought they were doing, however, it appears that they should have increased their request by 150%. Chrisi Armbruster indicated that we were doing a good job of trying to budget our funds. Diana Mayfield indicated that they would be attending the commission meeting and Terry DuBois asked that any and all board members try to attend as well. Curtis Koelling made the motion to send the letter to DNR with the suggested changes. Andy Read seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- ❖ Diana Mayfield asked that since the woodland resource concern was dropped to \$4280 for FY11 and that the Culp's fencing project, which comes to \$6,000 for 4100 feet of woodland fencing, was to be allocated out of the early release programs, that the Board consider allowing a variance and let the Culp's apply for the woodland fencing with the FY10 allocation which has an unobligated amount of \$7,338.06. She reminded the board that all the unobligated money would be lost at the end of the fiscal year. Andy Read felt that under the special circumstances that a variance should be made so that we could get the money out on the ground. Ron Hardecke indicated that we had already given these landowners special considerations because they asked for an increase in the pond allocation. He indicated that the board already upped their allocation to \$8,000 for the pond. Dennis Berger indicated that the board increased the pond allocation due to the increase of the construction costs over the last 5 years and that \$8,000 is the new maximum for all ponds. Ron Hardecke then indicated that if we allow them another \$6,000 this would set precedence for other landowners to come in and request special treatment. He indicated that he had already received one call because a landowner was turned down for funding. Diana Mayfield indicated that in her 10 years only two applications had been refused – one was for a pond that did not meet the new Board policy of having cattle on the property and the other was for fencing where the landowner did not have any perimeter fence. Ron Hardecke asked if DNR had any limits on multiple application allocations. Chrisi Armbruster indicated that they did not and Diana Mayfield indicated that DNR does not encourage districts to set limits. Kyle Lairmore indicated that he tries to over allocate all of his funds in order to get the money, which is meant for conservation, on the ground. He indicated that we were complaining about not getting enough money, but yet we are not spending what we currently have. Curtis Koelling made the motion to stay with policy. The motion died for the lack of a second. Andy Read made the motion, that due to extenuating circumstances, the Culps be allowed to apply for a DFR-5 Woodland Fencing using the FY10 funds with the understanding that the project must be done by June 30th. Dennis Berger seconded the motion. The vote was Andy Read and Dennis Berger, yes and Ron Hardecke and Curtis Koelling, no. Since the vote was a tie, Ron Hardecke directed that the issue be brought to the floor at the next board meeting when a full board is present.

- ❖ Melinda Barch indicated that NRCS would be hosting a Conservation Planning Training Course either in April or May. She has submitted all of the SWCD Technicians names for this training. Last year none of them were allowed to go due to NRCS personnel having first priority. The Board tabled this issue until more information is received (i.e. dates, and if there will be room for technicians.)
- ❖ Terry DuBois requested permission to attend a Level 1 Fire Training. Andy Read made the motion to approve this request. Dennis Berger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- ❖ The new postal requirements were explained to the board in regards to the newsletter mailings. Dennis Berger made the motion to put the "Return Service Requested" on the news letters at the expense of \$.50 for everyone that is returned, in order to have an updated mailing list. Andy Read seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- ❖ The 2010 Education Seminar was explained to the Board. Ron Hardecke and Dennis Berger will be attending on March 29th and 30th. Diana Mayfield will make the hotel arrangements and take care of registration.
- ❖ Melinda Barch explained the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI). She indicated that very soon a request would be made for draft proposals for possible projects. She indicated that perhaps a Streambank stabilization project would be a good proposal for our county. She indicated that the proposal would need to have plans for outreach and set goals. It would also need to include the partners that would be used to address the project. NRCS would work with the projects and designs.
- ❖ Chrisi Armbruster reviewed the memos and letters with the Board.
- ❖ The Board reviewed the District reports.
- ❖ The board reviewed the calendar of events.
- ❖ Ron Hardecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Andy Read so moved. Dennis Berger seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.
- ❖ Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7 p.m.


 Ron Hardecke, Chairman


 Andy Read, Secretary

Resource Concern	Requested	30% of Requested	FY10 Allocation	20% increase to FY10	Base Allocation	FY11 Allocation
Sheet/Rill & Gully	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 82,585.85	\$ 99,103.02	\$ 4,280.38	\$ 57,956.01
Woodland	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 21,120.00	\$ 25,344.00	\$ 4,280.38	\$ 4,280.38
Sensitive Areas*	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 7,020.00	\$ 7,034.73	\$ 8,441.68	\$ 11,341.76	\$ 11,341.76
Nutrient/Pest Mgmt	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 1,237.50				
Grazing Mgmt	\$ 54,275.00	\$ 16,282.50	\$ 51,562.50	\$ 61,875.00	\$ 3,835.69	\$ 16,282.50

*Combined Sensitive Areas to include: Sensitive Area, Streambank Erosion, Ground Water Protection

Sheet/Rill & Gully	FY10 Obligated
Woodland	\$ 21,095.35
Sensitive Areas*	\$ 13,781.94
Nutrient/Pest Mgmt	\$ 3,083.36
Grazing Mgmt	\$ 44,874.03

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FY 11	
# of counties with:	
Percentage of FY 10 Allocation	
40%>	3
50%>	6
60%>	18
70%>	25
80%>	31
90%>	14
100%>	17
TOTAL	114

Change Orders Approved

62 - GASCONADE SWCD
314 SOUTH OLIVE
OWENSVILLE, MO 65066
(573)437-3478 EXT. 3

62 - GASCONADE SWCD

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Resource Concern</u>	<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Change Order</u>	<u>Change</u>
GM 062-10-0019 CO2	DSP 3.3	GRAZING MANAGEMENT	BUDDEMEYER, WILLIAM & RICHARD	01/04/2010	CO2	02/01/2010 \$2,810.53	\$0.00
GM 062-10-0021 CO3	DSP 3.2	GRAZING MANAGEMENT	BUDDEMEYER, WILLIAM & RICHARD	01/04/2010	CO3	02/01/2010 \$3,379.65	\$0.00
GM 062-10-0030 CO1	DSP 3.2	GRAZING MANAGEMENT	SPARKS, CARLES & ROSE MARIE	01/04/2010	CO1	02/01/2010 \$2,006.00	\$0.00
WE 062-10-0009 CO1	N472	WOODLAND EROSION	HOMMEYER, CHARLES W	09/01/2009	CO1	01/19/2010 \$1,376.75	\$0.00
Change In Obligation							\$0.00

4 Change Orders Board Approved

Contract Payments Approved

62 - GASCONADE SWCD
314 SOUTH OLIVE
OWENSVILLE, MO 65066
(573)437-3478 EXT. 3

62 - GASCONADE SWCD

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Resource Concern</u>	<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Contract Payment \$</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
WE 062-10-0011	N472	WOODLAND EROSION 2010	WM J BOETTCHER FARM INC.	01/19/2010	\$5,097.52	PAID	01/25/2010
Sum of Contract Payment \$					\$5,097.52		

1 Contract Payments Board Approved

THIS IS NOT THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS CURRENTLY OBLIGATED BY THE SYSTEM.

By: DIANA
02/24/10 7:28am

GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD
Treasurers Report

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Checking account #: MAIN

Dates: From 02/01/10 To 02/28/10

Check/Dep-#	Date	Description	Payee	Amount
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Checking account: MAIN	Beginning Checking Account Balance for: Feb	\$32,864.13
Auto bal account #: 00-00-100		

Bank ID: 081009428	Bank name: First Bank
Acct #: 4876403659	Phone:

Checks

4038	02/01/10	2ND QTR POSTAGE	FSA	\$183.21
4039	02/01/10	Drill Parts - Patterson	KEN	\$259.48
4040	02/01/10	BACK PAY FOR RAISE	TERRY	\$205.86
4041	02/02/10	EDUCATION SEMINAR	MASWCD	\$20.00
24036	02/05/10	HEALTH INS PREMIUM	MCHCP	\$1,277.12
4036	02/05/10	DUBOIS-PAYROLL 02/05/10	TERRY	\$726.60
4037	02/05/10	MAYFIELD-PAYROLL 02/05/10	DIANA	\$728.43
4046	02/16/10	CONTR MTG/NEWSLETTERS	platinum	\$210.34
4047	02/16/10	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	RECORDER	\$108.00
4042	02/19/10	VOID	TERRY	\$925.51
4043	02/19/10	MAYFIELD-PAYROLL 02/19/10	DIANA	\$728.43
4044	02/19/10	MAYFIELD-AFLAC W/H PYMT	AFLAC	\$139.62
4045	02/19/10	DUBOIS-CORRECTED PAYROLL	TERRY	\$935.70
9414043	02/19/10	941 FEBRUARY	EFTPS	\$963.56
		Total Checks		\$7,411.86

Deposits

CR020110	02/01/10	CASH RECEIPTS 02/01/10		(\$42.90)	Deposit
4042	02/17/10	TERRY DUBOIS	TERRY	(\$925.51)	Deposit
BI013110	02/19/10	BANK INTEREST 01/31/10		(\$1.73)	Deposit
		Total Deposits		(\$970.14)	

Total Deposits less Checks for the month: \$6,441.72

Ending Checkbook Balance: Feb \$26,422.41

-----End of report-----

GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD
Treasurers Report

By: DIANA
02/24/10 7:29am

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Checking account #: 150
Dates: From 02/01/10 To 02/28/10

Check/Dep-#	Date	Description	Payee	Amount
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Checking account: 150		Beginning Checking Account Balance for: Feb		\$14,765.28
Auto bal account #: 00-00-150				

Bank ID:
Acct #: 876660004479

Bank name: FIRST BANK
Phone:

Checks

Total Checks \$0.00

Deposits

CDI013110	02/19/10	CD INTEREST 01/31/10		
				(\$26.71) Deposit
			Total Deposits	(\$26.71)

Total Deposits less Checks for the month: (\$26.71)

Ending Checkbook Balance: Feb \$14,791.99

-----End of report-----

By: DIANA
02/24/10 7:29am

GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD
District Quarterly Report

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Reporting period: 02/01/10 to 02/28/10

Starting account: First

Ending account: Last

Details are not shown

Print zero dollar accounts: No

Fund: 01 Local Funds

Account-#	Description	Beg-Bal	Tot-Debit	Tot-Credit	End-Bal
1-00-300	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	(\$26,661.99)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$26,661.99)
01-00-400	INTEREST EARNED ON CHECKING	(\$12.37)	\$0.00	(\$1.73)	(\$14.10)
01-00-401	INTEREST ON CD	(\$292.42)	\$0.00	(\$26.71)	(\$319.13)
01-00-403	NEWSLETTER ADVERTIZING DONATIO	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$250.00)
01-00-404	COUNTY COMMISSION	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)
01-00-406	DONATIONS FIELD DAYS	(\$200.00)	\$0.00	(\$25.00)	(\$225.00)
01-00-415	SALE OF GOODS	(\$114.00)	\$0.00	(\$17.90)	(\$131.90)
01-00-431	ROTOWIPER RENTAL	(\$150.38)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$150.38)
01-00-432	JOHN DEERE DRILL RENTAL	(\$1,352.40)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,352.40)
01-00-433	GREAT PLAINS DRILL RENTAL	(\$1,471.30)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,471.30)
01-00-545	SUPERVISOR TRAVEL	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
01-00-546	SUPERVISOR TRAINING	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
01-00-631	DRILL INSURANCE	\$473.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$473.55
01-00-632	JOHN DEERE DRILL REPAIR	\$955.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$955.35
01-00-633	GREAT PLAINS DRILL REPAIR	\$98.61	\$259.48	\$0.00	\$358.09
01-00-635	JOHN DEERE MAINTENANCE	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
01-00-637	ROTOWIPER INSURANCE	\$151.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151.54
01-00-638	ROTOWIPER REPAIR	\$11.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.38
01-00-639	ATV REPAIR/EXPENSE	\$27.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.10
01-00-640	ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$338.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$338.24
01-00-700	MASWCD DUES	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
01-00-800	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$693.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$693.28
01-00-830	ANNUAL MEETING	\$163.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163.03
01-00-832	NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$1,232.24	\$192.60	\$0.00	\$1,424.84
01-00-833	DEMONSTRATIONS/FIELD DAYS	\$428.84	\$17.74	\$0.00	\$446.58
01-00-915	COST-SHARE MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$108.00

Summary Page:

Beginning Balance:	(\$27,366.70)
Total Income:	(\$71.34)
Total Expenses:	\$597.82
Funds Remaining:	(\$26,840.22)

District Manager Report
Diana Mayfield
March 1, 2010

I created maps, soil descriptions and/or updated toolkit files for:

Lee Kreter, Reconstitution	Michael Skornia, Reconstitution
Paul Houston, HEL	Martin Rohlfing, 2 Reconstitutions
Kent Rohlfing, Reconstitution	Norma Roethemeyer, Reconstitution
Jim Estes, Reconstitution	Vince Bolte, Reconstitution
Wendell, Eckelkamp, Reconstitution	Gary Spurgeon, Reconstitution
Carl Souders, Reconstitution	Fredric Creamer, CRP
Mike Abel, C/S	Haeffner LLC, C/S
Wm Sims, C/S	Forrest Danz, Reconstitution
Tom Roesslin, Technical Assistance	Ray Wehmeyer, C/S

After the board meeting, I completed the minutes and processed all of the approved cost-share. All of the approved applications were scanned and loaded into the MoSWIMS applications.

I developed the PowerPoint presentation for the Commission Meeting. I did a little more research and hopefully put things into perspective. For some reason I received the videos from the last commission meeting and I was able to obtain some valuable information from watching them. Staff sat down on the 17th of February and went over the presentation and tweaked it.

I updated all of my cost-share packet forms. I spent one afternoon working with Terry and Marilyn Simpson to correct some template issues on the NRCS shared computer.

I sent an article to the newspapers in regards to cost-share program. We are trying to inform landowners that the practices and money are available. We have had a few calls in response to the articles.

On February 16th, I sat in on a Webinar Training for the Outlook program, which DNR will be upgrading to in the near future.

I submitted an article for the farm and conservation fair to the newspapers. I contacted a few of our vendors to try to improve out vendor count. Most of them had just forgotten to send in their registration.

Terry and I assisted with the Forage & Beef Conference in Cuba on February 22. We also attended a FOSA meeting on February 24, in preparation for the NRCS Quality Review Process.

Due to the rescission processes and the fact that MoSWIMS has been down for over a week, I came in on my Friday off to load 3 cost-share applications.

BOARD MEETING REPORT from Terry DuBois

Feb. 2010 Activity

Training:

Additional Well Decommissioning Training at FOSA Meeting

Possible cost-share practices / expressed interest / not yet looked at:

- *Mike Abel – N574 (Spring Development)
- *Dr. Sims – DSP-3.5 (Grazing System Seed)
- *Joy Haeffner – DSP-3.4 (Grazing System Lime)
- *Darryl Rasmussen – Technical Assistance Only – Pond
- *John Hall – N590 (Nutrient Management) July
- *Greg Minter – DWC-1 (Pond)

Possible cost-share practices being looked at / worked on:

- *Roy Koelling – DSL-5 Diversion
- *Russel Laboube – N574 (Spring Development)
- *Steve Hobein – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution - Solar Pump System)
- *Eugene Koepke – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution)
- *Dale Aubuchon – DSL-11 (Critical Area) & N351 (Well Decommissioning)
- *Ray Wehmeyer N655 (Restoration of Skid Trails)
- *Bill Diebal – N472 (Use Exclusion Ponds) / DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP -3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *John Lawson – DSL-2 (Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement)
- *Malvern Huebner – C650 (Streambank Stabilization)
- *Curt Frolker – C650 – (Streambank Stabilization / Possible Cost-Share from SWCD & MDC)

Cost-share practices submitted to DNR for eligibility, awaiting response:

- *Steve Hobein - DFR-5 Woodland Exclusion
- *Dale Aubuchon –N472 Use Exclusion Ponds & DSP-3.2 (water Distribution)

Cost-share practices DNR approved, the work is started:

- *Richard Kemna – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP-3.3 (Cross Fences), DFR-5 (Woodland Protection)
02/02 Created new maps and reworked the consplan to reflect changes requested by landowner regarding amount of woodland exclusion.
- *Bill Buddemeyer – N595 (Pest Management)
- *Bill Buddemeyer – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP-3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Joe Grellner Farm # 3242 – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP- 3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Rick Grellner Farm # 3168 – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP- 3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Michael Stockton – DSL-11 (Critical Area)
- *Ramona Culp – DWC-1(Water Impoundment Reservoir)

Cost-share practices DNR approved, the work is not started:

- *David Lottman – DSL-11 (Critical Area)
- *Carles Sparks – DSP-3.2 (Water Distribution), DSP- 3.3 (Cross Fences)
- *Sandy Kohlbusch – DSL-4 (Diversion with Riser Inlet & Relief Outlet)
- *Ramona Culp - DFR-5 (Woodland Protection)
- *John Withouse – DWC-1 (Water Impoundment Reservoir)

Completed cost-share practices that I've done the final checks on:

Non cost-share or technical advice only:

- *Don Sebben – Pond Pipe / Dam issues

***Status Reviews Completed:**

***Farm Reconstituions Completed**

Roy Koelling / Clyde Withouse / William Buddemeyer



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February 2010 NRCS Board Report

During the month of February I attended the Gasconade, Maries and Osage SWCD monthly board meeting. At the Gasconade Board meeting I reviewed the Civil Rights Policy Statement and the Anti-Harassment Policy Statement issued by NRCS Chief Dave White.

I attended the Missouri Natural Resources Conference.

Kary, Russ and I attended the last Winter Meeting at Fatima High School sponsored by Maries and Osage AgNPS SALT project. Russ served as one of the producers on their producer panel talking about his grazing management. I gave a short presentation on the Nutrient and Pest Management Practice through State Cost Share.

I worked on 5 Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) applications.

Mark and I attended training on the Organic and High Tunnel EQIP sign up.

I attended the Area 2 DC meeting at the Area Office.

Jay Lingwall, Area Resource Conservationist, came to Linn to provide training on the new Filter Strip standard to Mark, Kary, Russ and I.

Mark and I attended the Forage & Beef Conference along with SWCD staff from Maries and Gasconade Counties. There were 147 folks in attendance.

I held a FOSA staff meeting on the 24th. Karen Brinkman, Area Conservationist, was here to do the opening comments of our FOSA's Quality Assurance Review that will be held the week of March 1st.

NRCS staff has been working on EQIP application screening tools and rankings along with finalizing CSP contracts.

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